

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The indication that claims 1-20 would be allowed if amended to overcome the Official Action's formal rejections is acknowledged with thanks.

Formal Matters - Section 112, second paragraph

The Official Action rejected claims 1-20 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite, based on informalities including antecedent basis issues and exemplary language.

In response, claims 1-20 are amended to overcome the Official Action's rejections. For example, claim 2 is amended into independent form to address contradictory language with respect to claim 1. The claims are further amended with formal revisions in consideration of U.S. practice and preferences.

No new matter is introduced by way of these amendments to the claims.

A "clean" listing of the claims of the amended claims, with the markings indicating changes removed, is appended to this paper for the Examiner's convenience.

From the foregoing, it will be apparent that Applicant has fully responded to the March 17, 2009 Official Action and that the claims as presented are patentable. In view of this, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims, as presented, and their early passage to issue.

In order to expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the attorney for Applicant at the number set forth below if the Examiner is of the opinion that further discussion of this case would be helpful.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☒ - a "clean" listing of the amended claims